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SUMMARY: SOVIETS CALLED ON CHAIRMAN PROTOCOL OFFICER ON
JANUARY 11 TO REITERATE THEIR CONCERN WITH FEDERAL PRESENCE IN
BERLIN. SOVIETS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEIR PRESENTATION WAS NOT
REPEAT NOT A PROTEST. COMPLAINT WAS INDEED SO LOW-KEY THAT WE
BELIEVE THERE IS NO NEED TO MAKE REFERENCE TO THIS APPROACH IN
CONNECTION WITH ALLIED RESPONSE TO 29 NOVEMBER 1977 SOVIET
PROTEST ON SAME SUBJECT. END SUMMARY.

1. ON 11 JANUARY FIRST SECRETARY OF SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN
TYUTYUNOV, ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER MEMBER OF EMBASSY, CALLED ON
CHAIRMAN (BRITISH) PROTOCOL OFFICER, MARSHALL. SPEAKING FROM
NOTES (A COPY OF WHICH HE DECLINED TO LEAVE), TYUTYUNOV SAID IT
WAS HIS DISTASTEFUL TASK ONCE AGAIN TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
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ALLIES THE CONTINUING UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES OF FRG BUND AND LAENDER
AUTHORITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN WEST BERLIN. HE NOTED SPECIFIC-
ALLY A CONFERENCE OF FDP PARLIAMENTARY CHAIRMEN FROM THE FRG
LAENDER WHICH IS PLANNED FOR 14-15 JANUARY IN WEST BERLIN. HE
ALSO NOTED MEETINGS OF THE FDP LANDTAG FRAKTIONEN FROM THE FRG
WERE ALSO BEING PLANNED FOR WEST BERLIN. HE STATED THAT HE WAS
INSTRUCTED TO REITERATE THE SOVIET POSITION IN REGARD TO SUCH MEET-

INSG. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT DO SO. INSTEAD, HE SAID THE SOVIET POSITION WAS CLEARLY SET OUT IN HIS PROTEST (DRAFTER'S NOTE: TO THE CHIRMAN POLAD) ON ON 29 NOVEMBER 1977. HE DID NOT PROPOSE TO REPEAT THAT STATEMENT, BUT HE REPORTED THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY ONCE AGAIN EXPRESSED ITS HOPE THAT THE ALLIES WOULD SET IN MOTION THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PUT A STOP TO THESE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN WEST BERLIN.

2. MARSHALL SAID THAT HE ALSO SAW NO POINT IN A REPETITION OF THE ALLIED COMMENT MADE (BY CHAIRMAN POLAD) IN RESPONSE TO TYUTYUNOV'S DEMARCHE IN NOVEMBER. MARSHALL SAID HE WOULD MERELY NOTE THE PROTEST AND PASS IT ON. TYUTYUNOV IMMEDIATELY SAID HE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT MAKING A PROTEST. THIS LATEST DEMARCHE SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A REMINDER OF HOW STRONGLY THE SOVIETS FELT ABOUT ENCROACHMENTS BY FRG POLITICIANS IN WEST BERLIN.

3. COMMENT: (A) BRITISH HAVE REPORTED TO US THEIR VIEW THAT THIS APPROACH WAS SO LOW-KEY AS TO CONSTITUTE WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS A NON-DEMARCHE. BRITISH ARE OF THE VIEW THAT THIS REMINDER DOES NOT REPEAT NOT DESERVE A REPLY. WE SHARE BRITISH VIEW ON QUALITY OF DEMARCHE. IN ADDITION TO TYUTYUNOV'S DESCRIPTION OF MATTER AS REMINDER RATHER THAN PROTEST, WE ALSO NOTE THAT 29 NOVEMBER PROTEST (REFTEL B) WAS MADE AT HIGHER (POLAD) LEVEL AND THUS CONSIDER THAT PROPOSED ALLIED RESPONSE (REFTEL A) TO 29 NOVEMBER PROTEST SHOULD SUFFICE, AND THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO EVEN MENTION THIS REMINDER IN THAT RESPONSE. (B) FDP CHAIRMEN
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ARE MEETING HERE WITH MINISTER MAIHOFFER. THEY ROTATE SUCH MEETINGS THROUGHOUT LAENDER, AND AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, WERE LAST IN BERLIN IN 1974. AS PART OF THE FDP FIESTA ON JANUARY 15, FONMIN GENSCHER WILL REPORTEDLY DEDICATE IN THE REICHSTAG AN EXHIBITION ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LIBERALS FROM 1945 TO 1949 "IN THE THEN SOVIET ZONE." GEORGE

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